

Israel's gradual dispossession of Palestinians from 1946 - Present



Map 1: Following World War II, land ownership in Israel-Palestine was roughly 6% Jewish, and 94% Palestinian. This, despite massive emmigration by Jews to the region in the decades prior.

Map 2: The UN Partition Plan of 1947 allocated 53% of the land to a Jewish-majority state, and 47% of the land to a Palestinian-majority state. At this time, the Jews only represented 33% of the population of Israel-Palestine. Western countries voted in support of the Plan, while almost all Asian and African countries voted against it.

Map 3: In the armed conflict of 1948, Israel defeated its opponents, and seized vast amounts of land intended for the Palestinian-majority state. At least 700,000 Palestinians became refugees between 1947-1949, yet Israel has never permitted these refugees to return. In 1967, Israel invaded the West Bank and Gaza, and has militarily controlled these territories ever since.

Map 4: With its military occupation of the West Bank, Israel continues to confiscate land with illegal Jewish-only colonies (a.k.a. "settlements"), Jewish-only roads, "security" zones, and a 700-km. Wall. Palestinians are separated from their lands, their schools, health services, and neighbouring Palestinian communities by what some now call Israel's "matrix of control."

CJPME's Mission: Working to engage people in understanding and promoting justice, development and peace in the Middle East. We have a special emphasis on advocating and upholding the human rights of Palestinians in the face of ongoing oppression, occupation and discrimination.



CJPME's Principles: We evaluate the events and situation in the Middle East according to three principles:

1. The belief that all positions should respect international law
2. The belief that all parties must be held to the same standard
3. The belief that violence is not a solution

CJPME's Vision:

- To advocate effectively on human rights and international law in the Middle East
- To create community understanding, whether with the general public, university groups, political parties, unions, faith organizations, or other groups.
- To be the “go to” organization for community members, politicians, policy makers and the media on our issues.
- To shift Canadian foreign policy, making it supportive of human rights & international law.
- To influence Canadian media, making it balanced and credible.

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is a diverse and dynamic grassroots collective of people living in the Okanagan. We are inspired by a concern for the welfare of all peoples of the Middle East and are a chapter of CJPME (Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East).



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